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1 3 AN ACT
1 4 RELATING TO THE IOWA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEER SERVICE.
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1 6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 8 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15H.1 FINDINGS.
1 9 The general assembly finds:
1 10 1. There is a compelling need for more civic participation
1 11 to solve community and state problems, and to address many of
1 12 the country's unmet social, environmental, educational, and
1 13 public safety needs.
1 14 2. Promoting the capability of Iowa's people, communities,
1 15 and enterprises to work collaboratively is vital to the long=
1 16 term prosperity of this state.
1 17 3. Building and encouraging community services and
1 18 volunteerism is an integral part of the state's future well=
1 19 being, and requires cooperative efforts by the public and
1 20 private sectors.
1 21 4. The development of a volunteer service program in Iowa
1 22 requires an administrative vehicle which conforms with federal
1 23 guidelines detailed in the federal National and Community
1 24 Service Trust Act of 1993.
1 25 Sec. 2. NEW SECTION. 15H.2 IOWA COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEER
1 26 SERVICE ESTABLISHED.
1 27 1. The governor shall establish the Iowa commission on
1 28 volunteer service which shall be part of the governor's
1 29 office. The governor shall appoint the commission's members.
1 30 2. The mission of the commission is to advise and assist
1 31 in the development and implementation of a comprehensive,
1 32 statewide plan for promoting volunteer involvement and citizen
1 33 participation in Iowa, as well as to serve as the state's
1 34 liaison to national and state organizations which support the
1 35 commission's mission.
2 1 3. The commission shall do all of the following:
2 2 a. Prepare a three-year national service plan as called
2 3 for under the federal National and Community Service Trust Act
2 4 of 1993.
2 5 b. Fulfill federal program administration requirements,
2 6 including provision of health care and child care for program
2 7 participants.
2 8 c. Submit annual state applications for federal funding of
2 9 commission-selected AmeriCorps programs.
2 10 d. Integrate AmeriCorps programs, the corporation for
2 11 national and community service program, and the older American
2 12 volunteer program into the state strategic service plan.
2 13 e. Conduct local outreach to develop a comprehensive and
2 14 inclusive state service plan and coordinate with existing
2 15 programs in order to prevent unnecessary competition for
2 16 private sources of funding.
2 17 f. Provide technical assistance to service programs,
2 18 including the development of training methods and curriculum
2 19 materials.
2 20 g. Develop a statewide recruitment and placement system
2 21 for individuals interested in community service opportunities.
2 22 h. Prepare quarterly reports on progress for submission to
2 23 the governor and the general assembly.
2 24 i. Administer the retired and senior volunteer program.
2 25 Sec. 3. NEW SECTION. 15H.3 VOLUNTEER SERVICE COMMISSION
2 26 MEMBERSHIP.
2 27 1. The Iowa commission on volunteer service shall consist
2 28 of the following members:
2 29 a. An individual with expertise in the educational
2 30 training and developmental needs of youth.
2 31 b. An individual with experience in promoting the
2 32 involvement of older adults in service and volunteerism.
2 33 c. A representative of community-based agencies within the
2 34 state.
2 35 d. The director of the department of education, or the
3 1 director's designee.
3 2 e. The executive secretary of the state board of regents,
3 3 or the executive secretary's designee.
3 4 f. A representative of local government.
3 5 g. A representative of a local labor organization.

3 6 h. A representative of a for-profit business.
3 7 i. An individual between the ages of sixteen and twenty=
3 8 five who is or has been a participant or supervisor in a
3 9 volunteer or service program.
3 10 j. A representative of the corporation for national and
3 11 community service who shall serve as a nonvoting, ex officio
3 12 member.
3 13 2. No more than twenty-five percent of the commission
3 14 members shall be employees of the state, though additional
3 15 state agency representatives may sit on the commission as
3 16 nonvoting, ex officio members.
3 17 3. A commission member shall not vote on issues affecting
3 18 organizations for which the member has served as a staff
3 19 person or as a volunteer at any time during the preceding
3 20 twelve-month period.
3 21 4. The membership of the commission shall comply with
3 22 sections 69.16 and 69.16A. The membership of the commission
3 23 shall also reflect the diversity of the state's population.
3 24 5. Members shall serve staggered terms of three years
3 25 beginning and ending as provided by section 69.19. Members of
3 26 the commission shall serve no more than two three-year terms.
3 27 Any vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the original
3 28 appointment.
3 29 6. The chairperson of the commission shall be selected by
3 30 the governor and serve at the governor's discretion.
3 31 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. 15H.4 ADMINISTRATION == FUNDING.
3 32 1. The governor's office shall serve as the lead agency
3 33 for administration of the commission. The department of
3 34 education, the state board of regents, the department of
3 35 workforce development, and the department of economic
4 1 development shall provide additional administrative support as
4 2 necessary to fulfill the duties of the commission. All other
4 3 state agencies shall provide assistance to the commission to
4 4 ensure a fully coordinated state effort for promoting national
4 5 and community service.
4 6 2. The commission may accept funds and in-kind services
4 7 from other state, federal, and private entities.
4 8 Sec. 5. Section 231.23A, subsection 3, Code 2005, is
4 9 amended by striking the subsection.
4 10 Sec. 6. Section 231.55, Code 2005, is repealed.

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4 15 CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
4 16 Speaker of the House
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4 20 JOHN P. KIBBIE
4 21 President of the Senate

4 22 I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and
4 23 is known as House File 478, Eighty-first General Assembly.
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4 28 MARGARET THOMSON
4 29 Chief Clerk of the House

4 29 Approved _____, 2005
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4 33 THOMAS J. VILSACK
4 34 Governor